

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1421

boards; commissions; compensation; expenses Prime Sponsor: Senator Yee, LD 20

DP Committee on Government and Higher Education

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OVERVIEW

SB 1421 requires an annual review by the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) of per diem compensation and expense reimbursement for employees and members of state boards, commissions, councils or advisory committees.

PROVISIONS

 Instructs the OAG to annually evaluate the propriety of per diem compensation and expense reimbursements of judgmentally selected state employees and members of a state board, commission, council or advisory committee.

Session Law

- 2. Directs each board, commission, council or advisory committee to report to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) by October 1, 2016, the following amounts:
 - a. authorized compensation;
 - b. compensation paid in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016; and
 - c. expense reimbursement paid in FY 2016.
- 3. Requires ADOA to compile the submitted data and report the information to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives and submit a copy to the Secretary of State by December 15, 2016.
- 4. Contains a delayed repeal date of October 1, 2017.

CURRENT LAW

The <u>Joint Legislative Audit Committee</u> is authorized to: 1) oversee all audit functions of the Legislature and state agencies including sunset, performance, special and financial audits, special research requests and the preparation and introduction of legislation resulting from audit report findings; 2) appoint the OAG to perform all sunset, performance, special and financial audits and investigations; and 3) require state agencies to comply with findings and directions of the committee regarding sunset, performance, special and financial audits (<u>A.R.S. § 41-1279</u>).

The OAG is authorized to perform procedural reviews for all state agencies which may include an evaluation of administrative and accounting internal controls and reports on these reviews (A.R.S. § 41-1279.03).